

# Service of Process

Service of Process is the way a defendant receives court papers and notice about a court case. The defendant must be served before the court will hear your case. Below are select resources focusing on the topic of Service of Process.

## Maryland Code and Court Rules

### Process

[MD Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Title 6, Subtitle 3, 6-301-6-313](#)

### Service of Process by Constable or Sheriff

[MD Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Title 2, Subtitle 6, 2-605](#)

### Commencement of Action and Process (Circuit Court)

[MD Court Rules 2-101-2-132](#)

### Commencement of Action and Process (District Court)

[MD Court Rules 3-101-3-132](#)

## Federal Code

### Servicemembers Civil Relief

[United States Code, Title 50, Chapter 50, 3901-4043](#)

## Library Resources

American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms, 20A Am. Jur. Pl. & Pr. Forms Process

Civil Procedure Forms, 2020-2021 ed. / George W. Liebmann (Thomson Reuters, 2020) (KFM 1730 .M3 2020 RESERVE)

Maryland Practice Forms, 6th ed. (MICPEL, 2009) (KFM 1268. M3 2009 RESERVE)

Practice Manual for the Maryland Lawyer, 5th ed. (MSBA, 2019) (KFM 1738. Z9 M32 2019 RESERVE)

West's Maryland Law Encyclopedia, 18 M.L.E. Process

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## Information and Articles

### Maryland Judiciary Legal Help

[Plaintiff's Guide to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Compliance](#) (District Court)

[Service of Process](#) video (including Tip Sheets for District and Circuit Courts)

### Peoples Law Library of Maryland

[Frequently Asked Questions About "Service of Process" in Maryland](#)

[Military Divorce: Enforcing State Court Awards under USFSPA](#)

[Service and Certificates of Service](#)

[Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

Find a legal services provide for [General Civil Legal Services](#)

### Maryland Volunteer Legal Service

[Service of Process for Pro Se Litigants](#)

## Forms

Maryland Judiciary CC-DR-55:

[Affidavit of Service \(Hand Delivery/Private Process\)](#)

CC-DR-56:

[Affidavit of Service \(Certified Mail Restricted Delivery – Receipt Requested\)](#)

CC-DR-70:

[Motion for Alternate Service and Affidavit](#)



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